

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M.  
TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed-captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area

journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. Journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM, join him.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM. DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

## **I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY**

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

January (1/7, 1/14/, 1/21/, 1/28)

February (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

March (3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31)

## **FAMILY/MISCELLANEOUS**

NEWS 4 Jan 1-Gus McLeod's history-making attempt to fly over the North and South Poles is on hold for now after mechanical problems with his plane.

NEWS 4 Jan 5- It was back to work for dozens of District residents who have been without a job because of hurricane Isabel.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Two police officers and a dispatcher were honored in Fairfax County for their role in rescuing a child who was kidnapped.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-A fire broke out at Dulles Office Furniture in the 12 hundred block of South Eads Street.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Earthlink, the nation's third largest Internet service provider is cutting about 13-hundred jobs or 40 percent of its workforce.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-AN emergency warming center for the homeless is scheduled to open in Loudoun County to help homeless get through the winter.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-The Pentagon is now pitching in and paying travel expenses for troops coming home on leave from Iraq and Afghanistan.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-Wednesday's child is from Russia.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-More members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team who were sent to Iran after the earthquake are heading home after their search for survivors.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-A Boston-based law firm says the Washington archdiocese isn't doing everything it should to help those who were sexually abused by priests.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-Joe Gibbs will hold a news conference to talk about his return to coaching the Washington Redskins.

NEWS 4 Jan 7- A fire caused heavy damage to the historic Oxon Hill Manor in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, the founder of public television station WETA, died in Arlington at the age of 101.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Authorites in Prince George's County say a space heater may be to blame for a deadly house fire this morning in Fairmount Heights.

NEWS 4 Jan 12- A small fire broke out in a classroom at Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-A woman for Silver Spring who was trying to catch a Metrobus this morning was killed while crossing the street.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Lamont, a Wednesday's child was featured.

NEWS 4 Jan 14- A four-year-old boy remains in extremely critical condition after an apartment fire at in the Kenilworth Parkside Public Housing Community.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A FBI email hoax about illegal downloading of music and movies.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Washington Post columnist Bob Levey host a fundraiser for Children's Hospital for more than 20 years.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-In Arlington County there is a program at work helping mothers to read to their children.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A school bus caught on fire in Maryland after the driver dropped his students off at school.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-A fire broke out on Quarles Street in Northwest Washington.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-An 81-year-old man was killed when a fire broke out in his home in Northeast DC.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Former DC Mayor Marion Barry remains hospitalized as he recovers from stomach pains and a high fever.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Water in gas line has shut down gas to some homes in the Shaw neighborhood.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-A 90-year-old woman who was rescued from her burning home has died.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-World War Two memorial on the mall will be dedicated.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-School year in Montgomery County and Fairfax County because of snow.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Lawmakers questioned whether the FCC is doing enough to stop foul language and sexually explicit material that has become more common on TV and radio.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-A small fraction of homes in the District's Shaw neighborhood still don't have their heat and gas service restored.

NEWS 4 Jan 26- An explosion destroyed a mobile home near Front Royal

NEWS 4 Jan 26-American Indians and Alaskan natives are more likely to smoke than any other ethnic group in the United States according to a new study from the Centers for Disease Control.

NEWS 4 Jan 29- Services held for Princess Hansen at the Holy Christian Missionary Baptist Church in Northeast.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-DC fire officials say that a fire at a Southeast home was not deliberately set.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-Russian violinist leaves a 3 million dollar violin on an Amtrak train.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-Between 1996 and 1997 65 people were killed in the Benning Terrance projects of Southeast Washington.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-Scaffolding collapsed at the Justice Department plunging four construction workers to the ground.

NEWS 4 Feb 11- In a mall in Northern Virginia, many of the store are owned by Koreans, but serve a largely Latino population.

NEWS 4 Feb 13- In Richmond Virginia, lawmakers voted to uphold the state's ban on gay marriage.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-A construction crew hit a gas main that started a fire.

NEWS 4 Feb 13 -In Virginia, the house of delegated re-affirmed the state's ban on gay marriage.

NEWS 4 Feb 16-Bidding is now under way for folks who want to buy their very own fighter jet on e-Bay.

NEWS 4 Feb 16 - In Annandale, one Virginia man was hurt when a two-alarm fire damaged an apartment.

NEWS 4 Feb 16-People who live in a neighborhood in Colesville Maryland grieve after a fire kills an elderly couple.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-Of the 11 thousand FBI agents currently on duty, only 123 are black women.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-A serious gas leak forced the evacuation of a private school in Prince Georges County.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-A worker recovers after he plunged 12 feet into a hole and was trapped for two hours.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-Investigators say that a fire in southeast killed an eight year old boy.

NEWS 4 Feb 20-Mel Gibson's Controversial new film The Passion of the Christ captured a lot of attention.

NEWS 4 Feb 23-Investigators determine the cause of a deadly fire that killed 25 horses at a horse farm in Damascus.

NEWS 4 Feb 3-Marriott International has cut a deal to make rooms available on Expedia.com and Hotels.com.

News 4 March 1 – The Department of Health and Human Services launched a new campaign to put a stop to bullying.

News 4 March 4 – High school senior hailed a hero after he helped save the life of a classmate.

News 4 March 8 – Guiding Eyes need volunteers to provide caring environment for new born pups.

News 4 March 10 – Bethesda businessman accused of cheating customers out of millions of dollars in insurance money has been ordered to re-pay the money.

News 4 March 11 – People came to pay their respects and sign the book of condolences at the Embassy of Spain.

News 4 March 15 – Six months after Isabel residents in one Shadyside neighborhood get help from the Navy.

News 4 March 15 – Recovery crews have found the last missing person of boat taxi accident.

News 4 March 17 – Car bomb cause massive destruction in Iraq.

News 4 March 19 – Navy reservists who helped rescue people from boat taxi being honored.

News 4 March 22 – Investigators trying to figure out sparked a fire that damaged a condominium complex in Upper Marlboro.

News 4 March 23 – Funeral services held today for soldier from Maryland who was killed in Iraq.

News 4 March 24 – Dr. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

News 4 March 26 – DC Housing Authority has started a new program that allows people who use vouchers to supplement rent.

News 4 March 26 – V-DOT is asking 435 employees in Culpepper District to return 100 thousand dollars in overtime pay.

News 4 March 29 – Two people were hurt at Eastern High School fire.

News 4 March 30 – Canadian couple is safe after being stranded on a sheet of ice that drifted from Vermont to New York State.

News 4 March 30 – Scientists unleash new study showing that dogs and their owners often do look alike.

News 4 March 31 – Local and national artists have been chosen to create individual panda sculptures.

### **VIOLENCE/CRIME**

WRC-TV regularly covers issues related to crime, crime prevention, and anti-violence activities.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-One month ago today Nancy Dunning, the wife of Alexandria's sheriff was shot to death.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Authorities in Loudon County are investigating the murder of Margarita Gonzales, a 40-year old Herndon resident.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Eighteen-year-old Thomas Kollie, the son of a Liberian diplomat could face criminal charges in a carjacking case.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Quadruple shooting in Wheaton, MD on four people as they sat in a car in the 12-hundred block of Sawmill Court.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Montgomery County search for the person or persons responsible for robbing a gun store in Silver Spring.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-James Pickett, a Capital police officer who was convicted of staging an anthrax hoax in Congress, is back in the clear and the conviction was thrown out.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Alleged excessive force used on a carjacking suspect leaves Corporal Bryan Addis on administrative leave.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Anne Arundel County police say they've charged Jason Blevins, a 24-year-old man with murdering his mother.

NEWS 4 Jan 9- A 16-year old boy from Calvert County Maryland is charged as an adult with assault after police say that he fired a rifle at a school bus and a pick up truck.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-Howard County police ask for help to identify two robbers who have repeatedly broken into a popular eatery in Columbia.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-More officers will be deployed to high crime areas.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A man who left Dulles Airport on a flight to London was arrested in London for allegedly carrying ammunition.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-District police are investigation the death of a 10-month old girl who lived on Eye Street in Northwest.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Police in Alexandria are on the lookout for a suspected serial burglars who is believed to be responsible for breaking into at least eight homes in the past few months.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A case of road rage in which the victim is an off duty Fairfax County police officer.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A district heights woman was kidnapped and sexually assaulted after being forced into her trunk of her car at gunpoint.

NEWS 4 Jan 14- Police look for a man who shot at an off duty DC police officer.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Police say the man who police arrested for numerous burglaries surrendered after he saw himself on television.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Under an agreement, the Justice Department will monitor the Police Department for three years.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-A new report released says that hundreds of complaints were filled against the DC police officers last year.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-DC police and FBI have teamed up to find robbers of a Bank of America in Northwest.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-A fire in Prince George's County may be the work of a serial arsonist.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Someone fired shots at a school bus in Loudon County Virginia last night.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Daylight bank robbery in northwest Washington.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Three students from Edgar Allen Poe Middle School in Annandale have been arrested for alleged gang activity.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Thompson faces a first-degree murder charge in which a 12-year-old girl was also shot a wounded.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-New screening methods have kept five convicted sex offenders form working in the archdiocese of Washington.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Investigators say someone set fire that forced three people to jump to safety this morning in Southeast DC.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-Leaders wit the national center for neighborhood enterprise showed local community leaders hot to motivate citizens to move violence out of their neighborhoods.

NEWS 4 Jan 30- The former head of the Washington Teacher's Union has been sentenced to more than 9 years in prison for stealing millions of dollars in union dues.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-A federal judge sentence Michael Smalls of District Heights Maryland to five years after killing a DC police detective in a drunk driving accident last year.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-Three former employees of the DC Department of Public Works were taken away in handcuffs by the FBI. They are accused of taking bribes.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-The suicide of David Wright and the arrest of three other suspects brings relief and reaction from those impacted by the crime.

NEWS 4 Feb 3- A man is under arrest for a murder committed late last year near Embassy Row is the District.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-A woman from Northern Virginia has been charged with fooling airline travelers in a scheme involving tickets.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-Police investigates a deadly shooting on a bike trail in College Park.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-A hearing was held to determine who should get custody of several children found abandoned.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-In Fairfax County, police have arrested a man they say recruited high school students into gangs

NEWS 4 Feb 5-DC Mayor Anthony Williams is proposing to put Dc police officers in city schools following the murder of James Richardson inside Ballou High School.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-Police in Prince George's County look for a man they day is responsible for 2 carjackings and a sexual assault.

NEWS 4 Feb 10-Fairfax County police look for thief who teals computer and other electronic equipment.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-A former Cumberland Maryland police officer was shot several times during what police say was an attempted robbery

NEWS 4 Feb 11-A Minnesota man will get 850-thousand dollars in damages after his surgeon operated on the wrong side of his brain.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-The body of a man was found inside a burned out garage in which police say was deliberately set.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-DC police say a man in custody may be responsible for buying my iis.

NEWS 4 Feb 12-No charges will be filled against homeowners in two separate incidents.

NEWS 4 Feb 12-Two students charged with trying to sneak a gun into Wilson High School

NEWS 4 Feb 12-Members of a landscaping companies in Central Virginia are charged with robbery after they convinced a client in Alexandria they needed money.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-Police make more arrest as they continue a major investigation into illegal gun sales and drug trafficking in the metro area.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-A routine traffic stop ends with a drug bust in Prince William County.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-A teacher in Falls Church is accused of sexually abusing a 16 year old former student.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-33-year-old Henry Lockhart was killed at the McDonald's in Riverdale Park, Maryland.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-The Arson Task Force investigating the series of suspicious fires has turned to a well know sketch artist for help.

NEWS 4 Feb 18-A racial slur painted on a sign in Poolesville, Maryland neighborhaood is being investigated as vandalism.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-Feb DC Police say they have arrested a suspect in the stabbing of an ice cream delivery truck driver.

NEWS 4 Feb 23-A plea deal was reached in the case of an epileptic driver accused of killing a prominent leader in Frederick County.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-The wife of a DC police lieutenant was sentenced to life in prison for hiring a hitman to kill her husband.

News 4 March 1 – 25 law enforcement officers went to the FBI's Quantico facility for bomb training.

News 4 March 1 – The US Senate may soon take up a measure to repeal the city's handgun laws.

News 4 March 1 – There was more damaging testimony for the defense at the manslaughter trial of former basketball star Jayson Williams.

News 4 March 3 – The union representing the fired Metro parking cashiers says its workers are not being treated fairly.

News 4 March 5 – A former researcher at American University was sentenced for selling sensitive computer equipment to Beijing.

News 4 March 5 – A District woman has admitted she was an art thief.

News 4 March 8 – A year ago today a series of arson attacks began in the Washington area.

News 4 March 8 – Ed Norris, the former head of the Maryland State Police pleaded guilty to misusing city police funds and filing a false tax return.

News 4 March 8 – The death of federal prosecutor Jonathan Luna remains a mystery.

News 4 March 9 – DC police are searching for a hit and run driver who injured a child this morning.

News 4 March 9 – Prosecutors in Loudoun County have once again filed murder charges against a suspect accused of killing his grandmother.

News 4 March 10 – It looks like Muhammad will be tried again on capital murder charges in Fairfax County.

News 4 March 15 – PG County police still searching for a hit and run driver.

News 4 March 16 – A newborn baby found in Oxon Hill yesterday was the victim of a homicide.

News 4 March 16 – Federal investigators in Washington announce the indictment of 26 suspects in largest known PCP trafficking organization.

News 4 March 18 – A former counselor at Ballou High School cleared of eight sexually assaulted charges.

News 4 March 22 – Assault charges have been dropped against a priest in Baltimore shot be a parishioner who accused him of sexual abuse.

News 4 March 25 – PG County Police and the FBI are investigating robbery in Calverton.

News 4 March 25 – A District woman due in court after being charged with killing her baby.

News 4 March 26 – A third teenager was sentenced today in connection with the beating death of Schuyler Jones in Old Town, Alexandria.

News 4 March 30 – Maryland attorney general's office will not conduct a criminal probe into corruption allegations at the WSSC.

News 4 March 30 – A Prince Georges County police officer indicted on charges of assault.

News 4 March 31 – A music teacher arrested in Montgomery County on sex charges.

News 4 March 31 – The woman charged in double murder in Silver Spring being held without bond.

### **CONSUMER**

WRC-TV airs daily segments on issues of interest to consumers, including safety, cost saving, government regulations, and new products.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Employers issue employees debit pay cards.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Tips on taking down Christmas tree.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Rockville Company launches software for Internet using and phone calls.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-The federal government is cracking down in a big way against companies sending unwanted faxes to consumers.

NEWS 4- Jan 6-Consumer tips for eating out at fast food restaurants.

NEWS 4 Jan 6- Consumer Products Safety Commission warns consumers about the dangers of space heaters.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Accroding to the International Mass Retailers Association, about two-hundred billion dollars worth of merchandise is returned by consumers each year.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-I-pod mini portable music player.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Ohio woman claims muti-million dollar lottery prize.

NEWS 4 Jan 12- Vanilla Pepsi and Vanilla Coke taste test.

NEWS 4 Jan 12- General Motors recall on 800 thousand cars with power steering problems.

NEWS 4 Jan 12- Banning camera phones from some companies.

NEWS 4 Jan 13-Growing concern of mansions built in Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-The City of Manassas will be the first in the nation to offer high speed Internet to some of its residents.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-K-B Toys filed for Chapter 11 protection.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Beagle/Bagle-computer virus and warnings for computer users.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Layoffs at Eastman Kodak because of budget cuts.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Washington, DC, Seattle Washington, and San Diego California had the highest per capita rates of consumer fraud reported.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-The Internet and the percent of people working at home.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-The Internal Revenue Service urge taxpayers to file returns electronically.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Hundreds of residents of Poolesville are without heat because of mechanical problem at Washington Gas.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Shoveling snow laws in the District, Maryland and Virginia.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-The Internet security company F-protect is calling the mydoom virus the fastest and worst ever in virus history.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Montgomery County executive Doug Duncan has unveiled his plan to revamp taxicab regulation in the county.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-100 water main breaks due to extreme cold temperatures.

NEWS 4 Jan 30- Scam emails with downloading music illegally.

NEWS 4 Jan 30- Students and paying for college textbooks.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-DC water and lead levels stir up City leaders.

NEWS 4 Feb 5- Amtrak will soon be offering its passengers a chance to surf the internet.

NEWS 4 Feb 10-The agency responsible for the District's drinking water announced how it will address the problem of high levels of lead found in some water samples.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-Comcast officials say they are interested in buying Disney.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-The consumer product safety commission has ordered the recall of nearly 162-thosand gas grills.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-Bun and Thigh Max says it will give you sexy legs and beautiful buns for five minutes a day.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-Replica Jerseys of 5 redskins quarterbacks were auctioned off on Bidassets.com.

NEWS 4 Feb 25-A Baltimore Company specializes in scanning 3-d objects.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-Pets are living longer because of medications available to treat illness and disease.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-Another manhole blew its top causing a smoky scene in a Northeast Washington neighborhood.

NEWS 4 Feb 27-Using the Internet to find a used car.

News 4 March 1 – Liz Crenshaw’s does story about menus and markups.

News 4 March 1 – Digital Edge on pop-up problems on our computer

News 4 March 2 – Companies that install illegal pay phones in the District could face heavy fines.

News 4 March 3 – The nation’s largest telemarketing group says it will not fight the do-not-call list.

News 4 March 4 – The Maryland insurance commissioner is investigating the handling of insurance claims.

News 4 March 5 – The wine industry is doing something that at one time would have been outrageous.

News 4 March 8 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling more than 186 thousand space heaters.

News 4 March 9 – For the first time in 25 years US car makers can say they make more reliable cars.

News 4 March 10 – Some of the biggest names in the Internet industry have joined forces to fight spam.

News 4 March 11 – This year a partnership between the IRS and companies that make tax software our taxes can be done online and filed for free.

News 4 March 15 – Ford Motor Company is adding a new safety feature to some of its vans.

News 4 March 15 – Firefighters in Howard County are urging council members to pass a new law requiring fire sprinklers in all new homes.

News 4 March 16 – Starbucks is starting up its hear music coffeehouses.

News 4 March 18 – General Motors is recalling about 4-million pickup trucks.

News 4 March 18 – The new cable network TV One is moving this summer to Silver Spring.

News 4 March 19 – The Kennedy Center clears important hurdle to redesign plan.

News 4 March 19 – Microsoft is looking to boost the sales of its X-Box game system.

News 4 March 22 – New car designs performing much better than their predecessors in 40-mile-per-hour crash test.

News 4 March 22 – More help may be on the way for people whose property was damaged by tropical storm Isabel.

News 4 March 23 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling 733-thousand Bath and Body Works votive candles.

News 4 March 23 – The recording industry is once again going after people it says are violating copyright laws.

News 4 March 23 – Sensors to make fingerprints your password are getting better and cheaper.

News 4 March 24 – FOSE, the government technology Expo is in town.

News 4 March 24 – The Maryland General Assembly is considering a bill that would make it illegal to sell gift cards with expiration dates or service fees.

News 4 March 25 – Liz Crenshaw does segment on booster seat safety.

News 4 March 25 – Broadcast history was made 50 years ago when RCA rolled out first color television sets.

News 4 March 25 – Contract for Giant and Safeway employees expires on Tuesday.

News 4 March 26 – VERIZON says it's making progress in restoring phone service.

News 4 March 29 – HDTV is finally starting to gain some momentum.

News 4 March 30 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling Murray Lawn Tractors.

News 4 March 31 – New products from Aver Media let consumers turn their desktops and laptops into TVs digital VCRs

## **HEALTH**

WRC-TV covers issues related to health care, maintaining and improving health, and health-related breakthroughs.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Testing for Alzheimer's disease and smart people.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Metabolic rate and being diagnosed with metabolic syndrome.

NEWS 4 Jan 5- School officials try to band soda machines from school.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Recent statistics show our teens have the highest rate of being overweight compared to more than a dozen other countries.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Virginia General Assembly convenes about the idea of importing prescription drugs.

NEWS 4 Jan 6- Possible blood screening test to detect cancer.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-New evidence that suggest women who smoke are more at risk of developing breast cancer.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-New research shows that people who suffer head injuries may fall into depression or experience other mental health problems

NEWS 4 Jan 7-New studies suggest that the risk of mental illness is a major problem for the severely obese but less of a threat for those who are a little overweight.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-Study published showed that women with a particular gene mutation had more than an 80 percent risk of developing breast cancer and even ovarian cancer.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-Doctors are finding that a hormone called vasopressin is better at saving lives of patients whose hearts have stopped.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Study published in the journal of science finds that farm raised salmon contain very high amounts of dioxins and pcb, both are linked to cancer.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Evidence suggests that low levels of an immune-system protein may increase the chances that a woman would miscarry.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-A new study adds more support to the theory that vitamin D may play a role in preventing multiple sclerosis.

NEWS 4 Jan 13-NBC4 will celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heath and Fitness Expo at the New DC Convention Center.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Researchers have identified a gene that appears to increase the risk of alcoholism.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-A new study says breast cancer patients who have lumpectomies do much better if they undergo radiation therapy immediately after the operation.

NEWS 4 Jan 14-Although the number of cases of diabetes in the US are on the rise, researchers now report that many diabetics don't take care of themselves.

NEWS 4 Jan 14- A new survey finds that morning headaches may be associated with depression or anxiety.

NEWS 4 Jan 22- A new study suggest a lack of calcium in the diet could be to blame for an increase in orthopedic problems for children in this country.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Nurses at Georgetown University Hospital were awarded the prestigious Magnet Status in honor of the excellence in their nursing services.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-According to the Federal Government, many Americans are ignoring the directions and misusing the medications with dangerous results.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Studies show that most pregnant women would be willing to pay for prenatal testing to learn about their unborn child even if they are under the age of 35.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Flexible sigmoidoscopy is one of the most common ways to screen for colorectal cancer.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-A vaccine for Tuberculosis will soon be tested on humans.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-New study suggest that if you have been drying your hair regularly for 25 years or more you may be facing a higher risk of developing Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-A new report suggest that eating breakfast is a simple way for children to prevent getting cavities.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Growing number of children who are being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes are African-American and ethnic descent school age children.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-Some researchers say that vigorous exercise may help keep colds under control.

NEWS 4 Feb 3-The District Department of Health is planning to do blood testing of children under six years of age and pregnant women in homes where high levels of lead

NEWS 4 Feb 10-Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs was taken to a hospital in Florida and treated for an insulin imbalance.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-Montgomery County state delegate Joan Sterns introduced bills aimed at improving the school lunches menu to make it more nutritious and improving health by promoting exercise in school.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-The use of bike helmets can help identify a child injured in an accident.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-Virginia is joining Maryland in banning the sale of live poultry in an effort to stop the spread of bird flu.

NEWS 4 Feb 16-University of Virginia School of Medicine found that overuse of aspirin, acetaminophen or over-the counter pain relievers can cause a headache conditions known as rebound.

NEWS 4 Feb 16-A new study finds that using antibiotics may increase a woman's risk of breast cancer.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-A student at American University has contracted bacterial meningitis.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-New study finds that it's not uncommon for children to get chicken pox even though they've been vaccinated.

NEWS 4 Feb 18-Children and obesity is a problem that the Kaiser Family Foundation is helping with.

NEWS 4 Feb 20-School officials say elevated lead levels were found in water samples at Clifton Elementary School.

NEWS 4 Feb 20-District parents are flooding the offices of pediatricians to check their children for lead exposure.

NEWS 4 Feb 20-Heart disease is the leading cause of death in American women.

NEWS 4 Feb 23-Johns Hopkins says it has reached a settlement with the parents of a two-year-old cancer patient who died after receiving a nutritional supplement.

NEWS 4 Feb 25-Washington Hospital Center has an office of Spiritual Care.

NEWS 4 Feb 25-Health officials have confirmed an outbreak of the norvirus in St. Mary's County, Maryland

NEWS 4 Feb 26-The federal government is taking new steps it hopes will cut soon on medical mistakes with id badges with bar codes.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-The disease Asthma is becoming more prevalent among minorities.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-The FDA is also considering whether to further restrict the acne-fighting drug, Accutane.

News 4 March 1 – Researchers are hoping that vaccines will become the new weapon in the fight against cancer.

News 4 March 2 – A medical first – the government is allowing a doctor to use the illegal drug ecstasy in a study.

News 4 March 2 – Researchers have told participants in the Women's Health Initiative estrogen study to stop taking their pills.

News 4 March 3 – Leading medical groups are expected to recommend that doctors stop using antibiotics to treat ear infections.

News 4 March 4 – The District is proceeding with plans to replace those lead service lines that some have blamed for the water contamination problem.

News 4 March 4 – Ten thousand American die each year from asbestos related diseases and that number appears to be increasing.

News 5 March 5 – 200 students at TC Williams High School will be tested for tuberculosis after classmate came down with the disease.

News 4 March 5 – The city task force looking into the lead contamination problem held another news conference this afternoon.

News 4 March 8 – A new study finds that drinking during pregnancy can cause nerve damage in newborns.

News 4 March 8 – A major new study show that lowering heart attack victim's bad cholesterol to levels below current standards appears to help save lives.

News 4 March 8 – a new procedure that could detect breast cancer long before it develops into a tumor

News 4 March 9 – About half of all deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to preventable behaviors.

News 4 March 10 – Congress is taking up the debate over obesity and whether fast food restaurants are to blame.

News4 March 10 – A new study has found that the drug Exemestane is doing a better job of preventing cancer recurrence than Tamoxifen.

News 4 March 10 – Researchers in Gainesville, Florida say the linings of a woman's blood vessels could serve as a good indicator for their heart health.

News 4 March 12 – Close to 65 percent of Americans over the age of 20 are overweight or obese.

News 4 March 15 – Researchers say people who are infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS have a much higher risk of clogged arteries.

News 4 March 15 – 23 thousand city homes may have lead lines

News 4 March 18 – The residents who protested in front of the Wilson Building today want Congress to pass a \$300 million supplemental appropriation for lead pipe replacement.

News 4 March 18 – The federal government already is planning its flu attack for next year.

News 4 March 19 – The federal government has just issued new guidelines for eating fish.

News 4 March 19 – Elevated lead levels have now been detected at public schools in Montgomery and Prince Georges County.

News 4 March 22 – A study released today found that drinking in moderation appears to reduce the risk of heart related deaths in men with high blood pressure.

News 4 March 23 – Landmark study coming out tomorrow finds that psychotherapy can help hypochondriacs deal with their fears.

News 4 March 23 – The Washington Aqueduct will start using a different disinfectant to clean the water.

News 4 March 29 – 4-D Ultrasounds are the latest diagnostic tools for pregnant women and their unborn children.

News 4 March 30 – The Water and Sewer Authority announced today that 42 of 49 homes thought to have copper service lines have lines that are all lead or partially lead.

## **POLITICS**

WRC-TV covers the activities of federal, state and local governments, and other regional organizations in a number of its programs, some of which are described below.

NEWS 4 Jan 1-Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich will resubmit his proposal for slot machines to the general assembly.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Leaders of The DC Council will pass property tax relief this year for homeowners whose property values are skyrocketing.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-Montgomery County executive Doug Duncan named Tom Manger as his choice to be the next chief of police in the county.

NEWS 4 Jan 6-30 members of a Maryland National Guard unit are being deployed.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-The Pentagon confirms 35 US soldiers were wounded earlier in a mortar attack on a US base west of Baghdad.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-The District government says it is going to try again to fix its often-troubled DMV services.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-The District of Columbia held a non-binding presidential primary in Washington.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-The DC Democratic committee has weighed in on the effort to recall Mayor Anthony Williams.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-In Virginia, Legislators killed a bill that would have allowed state workers to buy prescription drugs from Canada where they are cheaper.

NEWS 4 Jan 22- The 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe versus Wade decision, legalizing abortion.

NEWS 4 Jan 23- Fairfax County, Howard County and the District search for new school superintendents.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-One lawmaker in Virginia is asking his colleagues to go on a welfare diet so they can understand the needs of the poor.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-A resolution that would make April Confederate History Month passes a senate committee in Virginia Legislature.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-A bill in Annapolis that is designed to stop bullying in schools is being criticized by a conservative group because it included homosexuals on the list of possible victims.

NEWS 4 Jan 30-One year anniversary of the space shuttle Columbia disaster.

NEWS 4 Feb 20-Superintendent Elfreda Massie has submitted her resignation and accepted a new position outside of the DC School system.

NEWS 4 Feb 23-Virginia lost 14-million dollars a year in federal highway funding because it allows passengers to openly consume alcohol while traveling on state roads.

NEWS 4 Feb 25-A News4 Mason-Dixon poll shows Marylanders are split on the issue of slot machines and who should control them.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-A new effort is underway in Annapolis to come up with money to help fund school construction.

News 4 March 1 – The US Senate is considering a measure that would repeal DC's handgun ban.

News 4 March 1 – Maryland voters will be using new touch-screen voting machines in tomorrow's primary.

News 4 March 2 – The Bush administration announced a new plan to crack down on illegal drug use.

News 4 March 2 – Supreme Court learned today that by typing the words "free porn" on the Internet children could be connected to six million websites.

News 4 March 3 – PG County Exec Jack Johnson delivered 5 million dollars to Dimensions Healthcare.

News 4 March 4 – House delegates passed measure that would make drivers pay big-time for violating HOV lane restrictions.

News 4 March 9 – In Virginia, a new bill seeks to do away with the state's so-called 21-day rule.

News 4 March 11 – House and Senate budget negotiators in Richmond remain far apart on spending plan.

News 4 March 11 – Congress passed a bill today that would increase the fine for radio and TV stations that violate decency standards.

News 4 March 12 – woman accused of being a paid agent for Iraq scheduled to appear in Federal court.

News 4 March 17 – A hearing is underway in California that will determine whether the National Zoo regains full accreditation.

News 4 March 19 – two weeks ago the Iraqi Governing Council signed an interim constitution.

News 4 March 22 – Hundreds of people with disabilities are in Washington to send message to Congress and the Bush Administration.

News 4 March 23 – The 9-11 commission begins two days of public hearings.

News 4 March 24 – The House approved a bill today giving the District of Columbia its own quarter.

News 4 March 24 – Former National Security Advisor Sandy Berger says former President Clinton gave the C.I.A. the go-ahead to take Bin Laden out.

News 4 March 26 – There's been a major shake-up in the DC health department.

News 4 March 30 – The President gives permission for Condoleeza Rice to testify.

News 4 March 31 – The White House condemns major attack in Iraq.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other on transportation issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Metro has a new board member, Catherine Hudgins of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-The district government considers new laws to regulate truck traffic in the city.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Fairfax County police are investigating a deadly accident that took the life of a teen-age girl.

NEWS 4 Jan 7-Under code orange, Metro passed out safety tips to riders so they will be better informed in case of an emergency.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-A new metro station, New York Avenue, will open in December.

NEWS 4 Jan 12-A driver has died after her car ran off the Sousa bridge and into the Anacostia river.

NEWS 4 Jan 13-Some lawmakers in Annapolis want to make it illegal for teenagers to have anyone under 18 in the car with them for six months after getting their drivers license.

NEWS 4 Jan 22-Virginia State Police are trying to find out what caused a multi-car pile up on the Dulles Toll Road.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-A train carrying military explosives that derailed in Charleston South Carolina affects train travel in our area.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Four people are injured including three children after a collision between a school bus and a fire truck.

NEWS 4 Jan 29-Besides complaints about service, Metro also is dealing with some new budget problems.

NEWS 4 Feb 3-The US Postal Service has closed its government mail facility on V street Northwest.

NEWS 4 Feb 3-An incident involving a 7-year-old, a toy gun and an alleged robbery has some Maryland lawmakers looking to ban toy guns that look like real weapons.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-A Richmond delegate proposed a bill requiring public schools to close on Martin Luther King holiday.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-Maryland State Police say that slick roads caused accidents that backed up I-270 this morning.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-A bill to ban drivers from using handheld cell phones in Maryland is before the state legislator.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-In Richmond, The Virginia house passes a bill that would make it illegal for state-supported college and universities to admit illegal immigrants.

NEWS 4 Feb 5-The Metro Board needs to raise between 28 and 36 million dollars to cover a budget shortfall and may resort to a fare hike.

NEWS 4 Feb 11-Virginia state senate rejected a bill that would have required background checks for all gun buyers at gun shows.

NEWS 4 Feb 12-Maryland may become the next smoke-free state.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-President Bush went to Archbishop Carroll High School in Northeast to talk about his new school choice program.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-President Bush released all of his military records related to his service during the Vietnam War.

NEWS 4 Feb 13-The House of Delegates is considering a number of bills to get tough on people who drink and drive.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-President Bush has nominated Fulwood to a six-year term on the US Parole Commission.

NEWS 4 Feb 18-The first woman appointed to serve as US Attorney for the District, Wilma Lewis was nominated to be the next chairman of the city's elections board.

NEWS 4 Feb 18-A proposed ban on black bear hunting has been taking center stage in the Maryland Statehouse.

NEWS 4 Feb 18-A high school student in Prince Georges's County is in the hospital after being hit by a car in front of his school.

NEWS 4 Feb 26-A strike continues to affect bus service in Prince William County this evening.

News 4 March 1 – The Coast Guard calls off search for missing crewmen in tanker explosion.

News 4 March 2 – Metro holding commuter hearings on proposed fare hikes this month.

News 4 March 3 – Strike by some commuter bus drivers is over for people living in Manassas and other Prince William counties.

News 4 March 3 – Fairfax County is spending \$165 an hour to rent the pothole killer from VDOT.

News 4 March 4 – The District's new vehicle inspection station is still far from being completed.

News 4 March 9 – Virginia Railway Express to restructure some of its fares.

News 4 March 9 – This weekend's boat taxi accident claims one more life.

News 4 March 10 – Schwinn teams up with Orange County Choppers to create a new version the Sting Ray bike.

News 4 March 10 – Illegal immigrants will still be able to get a drivers license in Maryland.

News 4 March 11 – An internal audit estimates Metro's parking lot cashiers may have stolen more than \$1M.

News 4 March 16 – Some members of Congress are urging President Bush to restore general aviation services at Reagan National Airport.

News 4 March 17 – The American Red Cross comes up with terrorist strike plan.

News 4 March 18 – DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton is expressing concern about the safety of the country's rail and subway systems.

News 4 March 18 – Metro is beefing up its security just days after terrorists attacked Spain's rail system.

News 4 March 25 – A group of disable riders has filed a class action lawsuit against Metro.

News 4 March 26 – New speed camera is set up in the 600 block of Florida Avenue in Northeast Washington. Police will start issuing tickets to drivers caught speeding.

News 4 March 30 – BWI airport is trying a new parking arrangement it hopes will ease congestion around the terminal buildings.

News 4 March 31 – Montgomery County police out in force looking for speeders, red light runners and aggressive drivers.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on regional environmental issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 Jan 5- Evacuation of the US Capitol because of a cleaning solution.

NEWS 4 Jan 5-Artic blasts for the weather.

NEWS 4 Jan 9-Cold weekend ahead with Bob Ryan forecast.

NEWS 4 Jan 23-Cold temperatures caused some of the rivers and creeks along the Chesapeake Bay to freeze.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Six inches of snow fell in the city of Cincinnati Ohio.

NEWS 4 Jan 26-Montgomery County fire and rescue teams conducted a safety drill to test their readiness for people venturing out onto frozen lakes and ponds.

NEWS 4 Feb 3-The US Capitol have confirmed that the white powder found in Senator Bill Frist's office last night is ricin.

NEWS 4 Feb 19-Firefighters and hazardous materials teams were called to a State Department office earlier today after a powdery substance turned up in an envelope.

News 4 March 1 – The Coast Guard has called off the search for a dozen missing crewmen after a tanker exploded and sank off the Virginia coast.

News 4 March 15 – The six-week invasion of the Cicadas will be from mid-May through the end of June.

News 4 March 24 – 80 Washington Gas employees have been evacuated from their office building in Fairfax because of fumes.

## **EDUCATION**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments about and pertaining to educational issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 Feb 3- Schools in Montgomery County closed today due to icy conditions

NEWS 4 Feb 4 – The district's school board approved the applications of three more charter schools.

NEWS 4 Feb 4-Students in Fairfax County will be giving up a holiday to make up for snow days.

NEWS 4 Feb 12- Photographs taken by a Washington photographer has lead to the discovery of an enclave of artists

NEWS 4 Feb 13-President Bush is praising the District's new school voucher plan.

NEWS 4 Feb 17 –Snow collapsed part of the roof of the B&O Railroad museum in Baltimore.

NEWS 4 Feb 17-Students returned to Sherwood High School in Montgomery County even though part of their school was damaged by a fire that was intentionally set

NEWS 4 Feb 27-Neglected Cemetery outside of Annapolis carries remains of two thousand African-Americans.

News 4 March 11 – Leading candidate for district school superintendent takes himself out of the running.

News 4 March 15 – Scientist find the farthest known object within our solar system.

News 4 March 15 – Schools given extra time to get teachers qualified in all subjects they teach.

News 4 March 17 – school officials say security was one problem at Ballou.

News 4 March 18 – an asteroid makes quick fly-by our planet.

News 4 March 25 – Montgomery County schools produce video on condom use.

News 4 March 25 – University of Virginia may soon get its first gay fraternity.

News 4 March 31 – GWU present ten students full 4-year scholarships.